

Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-ORD-24315

Amendment 3

Title: Performance Verification Testing of Monitoring Systems for Air, Water and Soil

The following responds to questions raised by potential applicants. The numbering starts with question 6 to keep the responses sequential to questions addressed in Amendments 1 and 2.

Question No. 6

Is this program being funded by FY 2004 or FY 2005 funds?

Response to Question No. 6

The initial funding is from the FY 2004 appropriation. There is a possibility that additional funds will be available from the FY 2005 appropriation to fund the initial award.

Question No. 7

The RFA states that there is no match required for this program. If an applicant were to supply a cash or in-kind match, would this ultimately benefit them during the evaluation process? Also, if this is the case, would cash or in-kind be more preferable?

Response to Question No. 7

As it says on page 16 of the solicitation, no cost share is required. "The amount of cost share proposed (if any) will not result in additional points for any applicant, but will be considered in the evaluation of the reasonableness and realism of the overall budget." (Other factors)

Question No. 8

Other than the requirements specified in the RFA, is there a certain type of applicant that is typically more competitive than other applicants?

Response to Question No. 8

No. All eligible applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the evaluation criteria contained in the solicitation.

Question No. 9

Is this a new program? If not, is there a list of prior awardees available?

Response to Question No. 9

The ETV Advanced Monitoring Systems (AMS) Center began operations on October 1, 1997. Battelle, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, was awarded the first cooperative agreement to establish and operate the Center under competitive procedures. A follow-on cooperative agreement was awarded to Battelle on a sole-source basis with the purpose to continue operations. In 2002 EPA established a policy that strongly promotes competition for assistance awards. All eligible organizations are invited to submit a proposal that will be impartially evaluated in accordance with the terms of the solicitation. For general information about the Environmental Technology Verification program, go to <http://www.epa.gov/etv>.

Question No. 10

Do you know what the original solicitation date is for this program?

Response to Question No. 10

The date of posting of this solicitation was July 27, 2004.

Current Due Date for Applications: 3:30 pm edt on September 27, 2004.